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MEN'S RUGBY:

Men's Rugby defeats Miami Saturday with a score of 97-7 at the games close; **PAGE 9**

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Health center revamps excuse policy

By Andrea Gray
STAFF WRITER

As the fall and winter months approach, more and more students will get sick, which means missed classes and make-up exams. Most professors are understanding of this fact, but some professors can be skeptical of students who continually miss class. The student health center has found a way to validate a student's illness and make profes-

sors happy.

The health center now has a new policy concerning medical excuses. The new policy states that if a professor wants proof of illness, the professor can write a request including the student's name, PID number, reason for verification and the professor's signature. Students can then take this request to the student health services in exchange for a "sick slip," which will serve as the stu-

dent's medical excuse.

Before this policy, the health center did not issue "sick slips" or medical excuses to verify illness. The health center still discourages students from visiting the health center to verify illness, but has issued this policy to be used in extreme situations at the request of the professor only.

Most professors are electing to not use the new policy.

"I feel that there are other ways of documenting illness, but I respect the health center's policy," Melissa Spirek, journalism professor, said.

"I have never requested [medical excuses] of my students. I feel that they are grown up enough to make their own decisions about illness," English professor Susan Cruea said.

Most professors and students feel that students should be

trusted to make their own decision about illness. Some professors may require other forms of verification such as prescription cards, but most professors will simply take the student's word and hold them responsible for any work or exams that they missed.

However, this new policy will accommodate both professors and students if special circumstances arise.

"I have never requested excuses of my students. I feel they are grown up enough to make their own decisions."

SUSAN CRUEA,
ENGLISH PROFESSOR

Virtual tour will highlight U. history

By Craig Gifford
CAMPUS EDITOR

In this day of high technology, the University is installing a new virtual museum onto its web site, in order to make the BGSU community more aware of the University's history.

This new feature, which the University is hoping to have available within the next several weeks, will contain memorabilia in the areas such as art and architecture, athletics, the little red school house, popular culture and the music library collections.

"We want to highlight something the University owns, that maybe not everybody knows about," said Linda Dobb, executive vice president.

According to Lee Floro-Thompson, the web page designer for the project, once the museum becomes available to students it will only be in its beginning stages. However, the museum will grow over time as collections of memorabilia become available and are added.

As of now, memorabilia ranging from the 1840s to the 1990s have been collected, as well as 300 frames of photos, which have been taken by David Hampshire, the photographer for the museum, said Steve Kendall, multimedia production manager.

According to Dobb, this museum can serve several functions.

"Hopefully students will see this stuff online and use it to do research or just enjoy them."

Dobb hopes that through the virtual museum, students will become more aware of some of the things on campus, including the carving on the facade of the library and the Kent State sculpture.

"For example," Dobb said, "students from Akron might be interested in knowing the artist of the carving on the facade of the library now owns an art gallery in Akron."

Kendall believes that the virtual museum will be good to let students see a broader picture of the University.

"It will give them a better feel for the tradition, culture and the people that are here. It will also give them a feel of the place rather than just through classes and buildings."

According to Kendall, the various departments on campus that have made donations to the museum have been cooperative and are looking forward to having their collections displayed.

"They are real proud of these collections and that they will be made available to a larger range of people," Kendall said.

Various collections that students own and may want to

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CHILLIN' in the IGLOO

Local students make the most out of living through thick and thin - ice

By Mary Beth Murtha
ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

White so bright it hurts your eyes on a sunny afternoon.

What used to be charred and black a year ago - Sept. 1, 1999 - has been repainted a brilliant paper-white. Everything inside is soft beige and ivory - carpet, walls, doors.

The Igloo house - so named for its unusual construction, very unlike the typical small-town clapboard house - is actually more like an adobe, southwestern-style home than an Alaskan one.

Especially after the fire it withstood, which would have melted a real igloo and devoured a clapboard house.

One year after the fire, students again are living in one of Bowling Green's famous landmarks. They're new tenants, having moved in May of this year, but they're keeping with the trend of student occupancy of the Igloo.

Stacey Staruch, senior exercise specialist major, said that she and her friends stumbled across renting the Igloo by chance.

"We were looking for houses late, and we didn't think it was for rent," she said. But it was. "We decided to live here even not knowing what it was like. We didn't know what it looked like inside but we knew the house. It was, like, a historic house in B.G."

Staruch shares the Igloo with Tracey Cremer, a senior health promotions major, and Amanda Yearly, a dental hygiene major at Owens Community College.

Even without the 'publicity' of last fall's fire, the Igloo house is pretty



Mary Beth Murtha BG News

BRIGHT WHITE SIGHT: The Igloo rises proudly out of the lot at 117 Manville.

well-known throughout town.

"When people ask where we live, we just say 'the Igloo,' and everyone knows where it is," said Staruch.

Inside the house is a combination of college-style living (old, slipcovered couches) and retro touches, like arched entryways and iron door-knobs. The rooms are huge - two of the six bedrooms are at least 10 feet by 12, with walk-in closets big enough to fit a twin bed into. Two bedrooms are even more spacious, with double racks in the gigantic walk-in closets.

"That's the best part about this house - the closets are huge. You can

throw everything in there," said Staruch.

The closet count stops at 10 - bedrooms, hall closets, downstairs closets - not counting pantries, empty rooms in the basement, and the 'extra bedroom' - a window-less room about 7 feet by 12. Storage space isn't an issue for the tenants.

Like many of Bowling Green's landmarks, such as the Windmill house, the housemates are a little fuzzy on the history. One said it was at least 100 years old. They believe that 50 years or so ago, one man lived in it by himself, for college students looking at the

six bedrooms and spacious closets, that seems like hogging such a roomy living space.

Despite who may have lived in it before college students began renting it (perhaps despite college students), and the fire it survived last year, the Igloo house still stands proudly not even a block away from campus.

Barring any more disasters, the tenants plan to stick around for at least another year - until graduation calls them to more standard housing.

Editor's note: this story is part of a weekly feature about landmarks in Bowling Green.

"The Witch" received the peace she was looking for in her death

Woman's corpse found at home a year after her death

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Janice Petrowsky just wanted to be left alone. In death, she got what she wanted.

A year after she died at her woodland home, the skeletal remains of the 56-year-old recluse known as "The Witch" were found on her kitchen floor, propped up with a pillow and surrounded by her pets' rotting

bodies.

Neighbors said Petrowsky's only contact with them had been her angry demands to stay away. Occasional messages, laced with profanity, were left on answering machines. And sometimes, they said, she fired a BB gun at children who came too close.

When they began to notice Petrowsky's absence, they kept it to themselves.

Officials said that while the woman's remains were too badly decomposed to determine the cause of her death, it did not

appear suspicious.

Capt. Christopher Linne said Petrowsky appeared to have made an effort to make her last days on earth comfortable.

"Her body was propped up by one of those pillows with a back and arms on either side," he said. "She had her things around her ... her inhaler and some personal items. She apparently died in that spot. The pets died where they dropped."

Linne said documents found inside the house showed



Associated Press Photo

PEACE AT LAST: Janice Petrowsky, 56, died here in rural Washington Township, N.J. Her body was found Aug. 6, 2000.

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School children to propose Mississippi flag design

By Gina Holland

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi school children will get a chance to propose less racially charged state flag designs — or argue why the current banner used for more than 100 years should be kept.

A flag study commission voted Monday to open the debate to public and private high school students. The commission also agreed to have hearings around the state this fall.

Students will be encouraged to draw new flag designs, write essays on why the flag that features the Confederate battle banner should be left unchanged or explain why a new symbol is needed.

Former Gov. William Winter, the commission chairman, said the goal was to find a solution "where there are no losers."

"If it is humanly possible, we're going to do this in a way that will serve to unify this state and not divide it," he said.

Some have complained that the state's banner is an offensive reminder of slavery and that the Confederate battle flag should be removed from the top left corner of the state flag.

The commission also delayed until next month a vote on whether to change the coat of arms.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove appointed the flag commission after the state Supreme Court ruled in May that the 1894 law

designating the flag as the official emblem was repealed in 1906.

Stone Barefield, an attorney for the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, said the U.S. Supreme Court could reconsider the ruling and that the commission deliberations were premature.

The Monday meeting was interrupted several times by other commission critics. One carried a sign and another a large Confederate battle flag.

"Every member at this table already knows exactly what they're going to do. This facade you're putting on is for show," Jim Giles, head of a Southern heritage group, yelled during the meeting.

Winter said all sides would be heard.

"We cannot let this issue of the flag interfere with the progress we are making in the state of Mississippi in so many ways — in race relations, in economic development, in our standing in the eyes of the nation," he said.

Earlier this summer, South Carolina legislators removed the last remaining Confederate battle flag on a statehouse dome and placed a slightly smaller one nearby as part of a compromise.

The NAACP and other flag opponents insist they'll continue to boycott the state until there are no Confederate flags flying at the Capitol. The flag also was removed from within the state Senate and House chambers.



Associated Press Photo

FLAG'S FLYING: Anthony Hervey, director of the Black Confederate Soldiers Foundation, speaks in Jackson, Miss., Tuesday.

Woman's death creates closure

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Petrowsky, who had lived alone since her mother's death in 1997, had been dead for at least a year.

Officials said Petrowsky had brushed off every attempt to help her.

"She basically threw us off the property," said Washington

Township Detective Sgt. Michael Bailey. "Didn't want any help from anybody."

Bailey said social workers who tried to visit Petrowsky had their tires slashed and that she had been arrested in 1990 for slashing a neighbor's car tires.

As bills went unpaid, officials said, Petrowsky's utilities were turned off. In April, a gas compa-

ny worker tacked a notice on her front door warning that service would be shut off.

Neighbors noticed that her windows had been open through the winter and that, when spring came, the property was overrun by weeds.

On Aug. 6, a neighbor who found a tattered, 10-month-old copy of the New York Times in

the driveway went into the house and found Petrowsky dead in the kitchen.

Police said they had tracked down Petrowsky's sister, identified as Barbara Wade of Sparta, N.J.

Wade declined comment through her lawyer and did not return a message left on her home answering machine.

Virtual museum tour offers a look at University's history

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donate to the popular culture or art departments may also be added to the virtual museum.

"This is a good outreach tool to the University community, through collecting their donations," Kendall said.

Those involved with the virtual museum feel that it will be popular among the students.

"It's one of those interest type things that people will enjoy looking at," Florio-Thompson said.

According to Kendall, the booth for the virtual museum at the technology fair over the weekend received a positive reaction from those in attendance.

"They were intrigued by what they were seeing. They didn't even know some of these things existed."

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MAN FILES BIAS SUIT AGAINST GIRL SCOUTS

NEW YORK (AP) — A graphic designer for the Girl Scouts has filed a discrimination lawsuit alleging that the organization denied him job promotions because of his gender. Joseph Picca's lawsuit claims that in his 15 years at the Girl Scouts' headquarters, he was denied one promotion and barred from applying for two others.

EDITORIAL

Undo Racism Day a good start

Today is Undo Racism Day for the city of Bowling Green, thanks to Mayor Quinn.

It's just one day, but it's a start.

For a city which is so predominantly white — most recent statistics place the minority/ethnic population at just over 7 percent — an attempt to address concerns about racism is an indication that the city is looking toward change.

Bowling Green is, for better or for worse, a typical Midwestern town. It still has a lot of conserva-

tive ideas about people. Especially since most of the population is white, Christian, Republican and straight — not that these demographics necessarily are racist or conservative. But for the most part, small Midwestern towns tend to be less tolerant or accepting of differences than big cities.

Bowling Green does have a leg up because it's a college town and has a lot of contact with a lot of different types of people. With the University here, town residents have had more experience

YOU DECIDE

Do you think it was good for the city to declare Undo Racism Day? Let us know what you think at bgnews@listproc.bgsu.edu

with people who may be different from them. Even though most students are white, the population of racial or ethnic minorities is still higher than it would be in a small Ohio town without a college nearby.

Still, moves must be made to address concerns such as racism and intolerance, which plague Bowling Green as it does any other city.

A public day of awareness brings these concerns to the front burner. The University has already made it clear that it's interested in exploring issues of diversity and has made initiatives in that directive. For the city, as a separate entity, to come together and also explore those issues is a positive move, especially since the concentration of people with

different backgrounds is likely to be high here.

Just because the majority of the population is white does not leave an excuse for residents to think that racism affects too few people to matter.

First, even if it affected just one person, that is enough for it to be an issue. For the community to be a community, each member must be appreciated.

Second, racism and intolerance affects everyone. There is no painted line between "discrimi-

nated against" and "not discriminated against."

To ignore the rights of others and the responsibility of the majority to the minority is to act immaturely — to neglect our duty as members of what is indeed a diverse community.

Undo Racism Day is just a day — it's not a movement, nor is it a substantial exploration of race issues in the city — but it's a dedicated and necessary move towards tolerance in a town where looking out for everyone is important. Or should be.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cop-disparaging editorial misguided

Concerning your Sept. 14 editorial ("Undercover Cops invade privacy"), here are a few corrective thoughts. Let's cut through the clichés (a party is a place to make those college memories which last a life time) and bits of illogic (before you know it, we are all going to have to register to attend a party). What this editorial really suggests is that students should have an absolute right to party drunkenly and noisily wherever they wish, as well as to break laws banning the serving of alcohol to minors, destroying property and disturbing the peace. What the article woefully fails to recognize are the rights of other residents of Bowling Green to lead lives which are secure and free of undue disturbances.

As a BGSU professor for over 30 years, I am seriously disappointed in this editorial for at least two important reasons. First, it is disappointing to me that students whose records of achievement have earned them the opportunity to fill responsible editorial positions with the campus newspaper should be so blindly single-minded, so intellectually sloppy and illogical, so insensitive to the well-being of

the total population of Bowling Green. Second, it is discouraging to see the absence of any genuine leadership instinct in the editorial management of the BG News, especially at a university which has sought in recent years to emphasize the critical importance of values and leadership responsibility among its students.

As a long-time resident of the first ward in Bowling Green, I am also angry at the casual, self-centered manner in which the editorial writers assume that the only civic responsibility of the local police force is to be sensitive to students' desire to party in any manner they wish. What prevented these writers from considering the broader issues of public safety and the right to peace of mind for ALL the citizens of our city?

Lester E. Barber
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Free cable doesn't work very well

I can't understand why we are offered free cable. Do they give it to us to PISS us off? Last night I lay relaxing in my room watching "The Green Mile" and as I lay there, a very intense part

of the movie came on. The suspense was craaaaaazy, and then all of the sudden — the movie went off!! What was this BS??? Oh well — sometimes those things happen and I let it slide. Today after a very tiring history class, I came to my room and "Erin Brockovich" was on — I watched about an hour and a half of the movie and then at a VERY suspenseful part THE MOVIE CUT OFF AGAIN!!! Okay, I'M PISSED!!! Is this some kind of money scam? Does BG let you watch the movie until a very significant part comes on so we'll have to go rent the movie??? All I can say is THANKS A LOT FOR THE CABLE!!! Oh yeah, and GRRRRRRRR!

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your best or worst experience at the Health Center?



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"They tried to put the catheter in backwards."



KELLY GEIST
SOPHOMORE
MIDDLE CHILDHOOD ED.

"The computers crashed and I had to come back the next day for my prescription."



AJ REITZ
FRESHMAN
JOURNALISM

"My best experience was when a hottie nurse demanded I strip down to my boxers."



LESLEY ATKINSON
JUNIOR
INTERIOR DESIGN

"They told me I was pregnant but I'm a virgin."

Might hate be genetic?

AT ISSUE Is predisposition a sufficient excuse for one's behavior?

The guy in the room across the hall was sobbing.

This surprised me. The guy usually exemplified ironical detachment, but there he was, bawling like a baby. I asked him why.

"My parents disowned me," he said, "and all because of homosexuality."

I was shocked. I never suspected the guy was gay, and I told him so. He became angry.

"It's not that I am one," he said. "I hate them. My problem is that I'm a homophobe. My parents just can't understand that."

I told him I didn't understand, either.

"All my life, I've felt a distinct dislike for gays and lesbians," he said. "I didn't try to dislike them. I know it's illogical. I know it's socially destructive to hold prejudices against people just because of the way they are, but I can't help myself."

"Don't think that I haven't tried to change. I don't want to live like this. My hatred makes me lonely. Sure, I suppose there are groups out there that still revel in prejudice, but it's hard to find them at an institution of higher learning. Besides, I want to hang out with readers, thinkers and fans of HBO. The problem is, they don't accept me."

"Why do they have a problem with you?" I asked.

"Well, I'm able to control it most of the time, but sometimes I slip. I'll spew an epithet or something, and everybody will act shocked."

"I tried therapy to curb my prejudice. The first step was some basic sensitivity training, which I took with a bunch of lecherous businessmen. It did me no good. I did some more intensive association therapy. The doctor would flash pictures of things I love, like American flags, happy heterosexual families and apple pies. Then, when I was feeling entirely benevolent, they'd slip in a photo of a smiling gay couple holding hands. At first it helped, but after a while the effect wore off, and my homophobia returned."

"Did you try anything else?" I asked.



JEFF ARNETT
Opinion Editor

"Of course not! And now that I realize it's the way I am, I'm repulsed by the mere concept of what they were doing to me. How dare they try to change my predisposition just because it was socially unfashionable?"

By this time, I had become outraged.

"Homophobia isn't a predisposition," I cried. "It's a choice! Even if you didn't feel like it, I'm sure you could still find a way to behave in a socially acceptable manner."

"Oh, that's easy for you to say, you homophobophobe," the guy said bitterly. "You're naturally tolerant. I'm not. Do you think I want to live this way? Do you think I haven't tried a hundred times to change myself to gain the acceptance of my friends and family? All my life I've thought that I could change myself through mental discipline, but it just doesn't work."






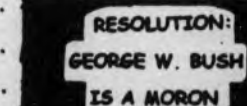
"I know all the arguments against intolerance, and I agree with them. The problem is, I can't get my heart to go along with it, and believe me, I've tried. I have to stop fighting my homophobia. It's a part of me." He hung his head and cleared his throat. "I just wish my family could understand."

At this point, I stopped paying attention to the guy. He did say something about the gene for homophobia that was about to be discovered by his friend who was working on the Human Genome Project, but I still wouldn't consider that an excuse.

It seems terrible that a person would use such an excuse to behave in a way that is entirely offensive to his friends and family.

The editors would like to note that the guy in the room across the hall doesn't really live across the hall anymore. He has moved into an apartment on 4th Street with several other rhetorical devices. Jeff Arnett can be reached at arnettj@bgsu.edu.

A POLITICAL DEBATE BETWEEN AL GORE'S BALD SPOT AND G.W. BUSH'S SMIRK

<p>GEORGE W. BUSH SURE IS MAKING A FOOL OF HIMSELF BY BRINGING SUCH ATTENTION TO THE SCHEDULING OF DEBATES</p> 	<p>NO HE'S NOT. THIS WHOLE DEBATE DEBACLE POINTS TO A SERIOUS FLAW IN AL GORE'S TRUTHFULNESS. HE SAID HE WOULD DEBATE ANY TIME, ANY PLACE, AND NOW HE REFUSES TO DO JUST THAT.</p> 	<p>BUT IT'S OBVIOUS TO ANYONE WHO'S SEEN BUSH DEBATE THAT HE'S TERRIBLE AT BEING SPONTANEOUS. HE DEFINITELY SUFFERS FROM THE DAN QUAYLE-IN-THE-HEADLIGHTS FACTOR. THEREFORE, HE WANTS SHORTER DEBATES WITH A LIMITED AUDIENCE.</p> 
<p>THAT'S SIMPLY NOT TRUE. BESIDES, SO WHAT IF HE DOESN'T HAVE SUCH A FANCY VOCABULARY. HE'S JUST A SIMPLE MAN FROM MEDLAND, TEXAS AFTER ALL.</p> 	<p>A SIMPLE MAN FROM MEDLAND, TEXAS WHO DESPITE EARNING POOR GRADES IN HIGH SCHOOL WAS EDUCATED AT HARVARD AND YALE THROUGH SOME FORM OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR THE WEALTHY.</p> 	<p>YEAH... WELL... UM... OK... YOU WIN</p> 
<p>RESOLUTION: GEORGE W. BUSH IS A MORON</p>		

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Couple arrested for tying up daughters

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A couple has been arrested and accused of keeping their two daughters tied up in a motel room while they worked at night. Police said the girls, ages 10 and 5, wore harnesses that were tied to furniture with leashes. Detective Brian Danner said the children appeared to be healthy.

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NATION

California reduces bus pollution

By Leon Drouin Keith
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITTIER, Calif. (AP) — Polly Bobadilla's new bus doesn't have the power of her old set of wheels, but she no longer has to endure the noise, the smelly black diesel exhaust or the dirty looks from other motorists.

"I don't have to inhale the fumes or smell all the smoke. And I don't need to shut the windows," said Bobadilla, who has driven students for about three years in a bus powered by compressed natural gas.

That's an experience regulators and environmentalists want more students and bus drivers to have in California, which despite an array of trailblazing air-pollution rules has more of the oldest, worst-polluting school buses than

any other state.

About 9 percent of California's 24,000 school buses were built before 1977, when federal safety and emissions rules kicked in. Only Washington state even approaches that percentage, according to the trade publication School Bus Fleets.

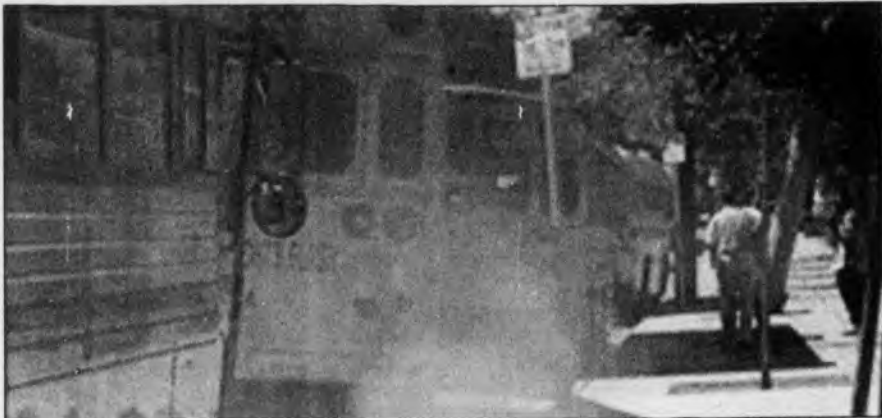
State and Los Angeles-area regulators are formulating plans to clean up school buses. The most contentious issue is whether diesel — which runs more than two-thirds of the school buses on California roads — can be cleaned up enough.

The state Air Resources Board scheduled hearings this week to ask citizens how it should spend \$50 million earmarked for cleaner

school buses. The board is expected to allocate the money in December.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District, which includes Los Angeles, Orange and parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties, is expected to soon propose rules that would force school districts to buy only the cleanest-burning buses.

Oil companies, diesel engine manufacturers and many school districts want to allow the continued purchase of diesel vehicles, which they say are much cheaper and can burn 90 percent cleaner with low-sulfur fuel in the tank and pollution-cutting particulate traps attached to the exhaust.



Associated Press Photo

Pollution: California school buses are the worst-polluting school buses in the country. The state is holding hearings to hear from the public on their opinions on how they should deal with the statewide problem.

University of Georgia lifts suspension in deal with sorority

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ga. — The University of Georgia has lifted its suspension of a sorority accused of rejecting a potential pledge because she's black in a deal that requires group members to undergo sensitivity training.

University spokesman Tom Jackson said Tuesday he hopes the case will help lead to more

diverse fraternities and sororities and an end to the practice of separate membership drives for blacks and whites.

"Our level of comfort with the state of segregation in the year 2000 is not very high," he said. "This gives us impetus to go forward in unifying that system."

Alpha Gamma Delta, housed in an ornate white mansion in the

middle of the school's fraternity row, was prevented from holding social functions under a preliminary suspension imposed earlier this month.

Allison Davis, a member of the sorority, wrote a letter to school officials saying that other members had made racially insensitive comments about the one black woman who had sought mem-

bership in the traditionally white sororities.

In an agreement with the university released Monday, Alpha Gamma Delta agreed to educate its members in racial sensitivity and to ensure that its members feel comfortable in confronting and reporting any inappropriate comments they might hear with-

in the chapter.

"The whole process was educational, not punitive," Jackson said.

Alpha Gamma Delta's lawyer pointed out the hypocrisy of punishing a sorority for rejecting a potential black pledge when the university still holds a dual sorority rush — one for blacks, one for

whites.

"My reaction was complete and total incredulity that in the year 2000 the University of Georgia could possibly be sponsoring an open system of racial segregation," attorney R. Mason Barge said in a letter to the university.

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Hurricane Gordon leaves mess in Carolinas

By Leeuehara
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — At Camp Lejeune, the water left by tropical depression Gordon was so deep that schools corralled children instead of letting them walk home.

"It's a lake, our playgrounds are flooded, and the streets are flooding. It is just pouring," said Betty Hampton, a secretary at Stone Street Elementary.

The former hurricane caused scattered flooding, roof damage and power outages across Florida before streaming along the Southeast coast Monday with heavy rain.

The heavy rain was blamed for two traffic accident deaths in North Carolina.

During the night, the Coast Guard rescued two men who had been missing since they left Southport on a fishing trip on Sunday, even though a tropical storm watch was in effect. Their boat had overturned about 15 miles off the coast. No details were available on their conditions Tuesday.

In South Carolina, an estimated 8 to 10 inches of rain fell at McClellanville, near the coast about 30 miles northeast of Charleston.

"Unfortunately, the area that got the worst rain got heavy rains just two weeks ago," said Kevin Woodworth, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Charleston.

Florida water officials doubted Gordon's up to 4 inches of rain would do much to relieve the drought that has plagued much of that state. In Georgia, cotton and peanut farmers were less concerned about drought relief than with wet crops in the middle of the harvest.

The storm left 2 feet of water in the parking lot of the Inlet Square Mall south of Myrtle Beach and some vehicles were moved by the high water, the National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C., reported. There was scattered street flooding elsewhere in the area.

Residents around City Hall in Georgetown, S.C., watched city workers being carried out of the building by boat and said they had never seen it so bad.

"I've got two feet of water in my dealership," said Francis "Jeep" Ford, owner of Parrish Motors, across the street from City Hall. "Never had any water in it before at all."

In Florida, damage was estimated at more than \$1 million at

Sanibel. One man was in critical condition Tuesday at Jacksonville after a tree fell on his truck.

Near Tampa, where this year's rainfall is about 20 inches below the average of 51 to 53 inches, Gordon left as much as 5 inches of rain. However, much of it did not seep into the ground.

"Just a heavy rain is not going to do it by itself," said Michael Molligan, a spokesman for the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Jacksonville, N.C., got 6.25 inches of rain and the town sent nonessential employees home early. "I know this is the most rain we've had in a short period of time like this since Floyd," which dumped as much as 2 feet of rain in September 1999, said city water department superintendent Ray Holder.

Tides rose 3 feet higher than normal at North Carolina's Wrightsville Beach, Fire Chief Everett Ward said.

"The rain was so hard, you could hardly see. There was maybe 2 feet visibility and several cars stalled out," said Jessica Corey. "I'm a little nervous about going home, driving in the flood."



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HIGH TIDE: Surfer, Sean Pecora, 30, gets caught up in the heavy surf at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. as the remains of Hurricane Gordon make their way through North Carolina. In South Carolina, alone, an estimated 8 to 10 inches of rain fell.

Simple change, big debate: Slavery as a cause of the Civil War

By Masha Herbst
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANASSAS, Va.— A simple shift in emphasis has reignited a long-standing debate in the South.

For years, Civil War battlefield sites carefully listed and diagrammed troop movements, military strategies and death tolls.

What actually caused the Civil War, however, was largely omitted.

Then last year, in three paragraphs buried in a huge spending bill, Congress encouraged these federal sites to emphasize the

causes of the Civil War, specifically slavery.

"It gives you more insight," 12-year-old Mark Russell said as he read through the new text panels discussing slavery at Manassas National Battlefield Park. "You get to really know what they're fighting about."

Historians say the absence of information about slavery at Civil War battlefield sites over the years was probably due to debates over what actually caused the war.

"It's been very contentious," said Edward Ayers, a University of

Virginia history professor who is writing a book about the Civil War. "It's been, from the first gun until today, the crucial question we keep arguing about."

Ayers said that among most historians, "there's virtually no one who argues that the war was not based in slavery in some way."

The only disagreement is over the degree to which slavery was a cause.

Two factors other than slavery are most often cited as causes of the war — economics and states' rights.

While those are valid points on the surface, Ayers said, a closer look shows that the economic and states' rights issues both centered on slavery.

"It's become clear after dozens of books by impartial scholars that slavery was the driving force behind the Civil War," he said.

But critics of the changes say that the Park Service is bowing to pressure.

"What we have here is political correctness running rampant," said Joe Avalon, owner of Civil War Interactive, an online magazine.

"It's a push by the African-American community, and it's basically changing the mandate of the museums."

Park Service officials say the congressional act is not a mandate, and that they had discussed broadening their interpretation, or including a wider range of information, before the appropriations bill.

At Manassas, visitors can now read panels discussing slavery and secession as causes of the

war, see pictures of an open-air slave market and learn about the experiences of three civilian families affected by the war.

Visitors at Richmond National Battlefield Park can listen to readings taken from letters and diaries of residents, soldiers, free blacks and former slaves.

"Now we talk about things other than troop movements," said Richmond park superintendent Cindy McLeod.

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Future of world economy looks good

PRAGUE — Surging oil prices and the sinking euro are rattling markets, but the International Monetary Fund predicted Tuesday the world economy could demonstrate better growth this year than it has in more than a decade. Economies should also improve at healthy rates in 2001, led by the powerful U.S. expansion.

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Cuban airplane hijacked, 1 dead

By Adrian Sainz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KEY WEST, Fla. — A small plane that left Cuba with 10 people aboard Tuesday was hijacked before it crashed into the Gulf of Mexico, authorities said.

One man was killed and the others were found clinging to debris and rescued by a cargo ship.

The crew of the Chios Dream, a Panamanian-registered freighter, recovered one body and the survivors — three men, three women and three children — from rough seas nearly 300 miles off the Florida coast about five hours after the plane took off, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

One man had severe head and neck injuries. A Coast Guard cutter planned to meet the freighter Tuesday night and pick up the survivors. The most seriously injured were to be flown to Key West for treatment.

Details of who was on the flight and where it was going were unclear late Tuesday. It was unknown whether the plane ran out of fuel; the Coast Guard said it was heading west — away from both Florida and Cuba — when it went down.

"Apparently it was hijacked, and the pilot indicated they only had 1 1/2 hours fuel," said Lauren Gail Stover, associate director of Miami-Dade County Aviation Department.

The Antonov AN-2 Colt took off

from Herradura Airport in Pinar del Rio, in Cuba's western province. Based on the last radar location given by Cuban air traffic controllers and an emergency beacon signal picked up by a U.S. AWACS plane, the Colt was believed to have gone down about 90 miles southwest of Key West, U.S. officials said.

The survivors, however, were pulled from the water more than 200 miles west of that area, the Coast Guard said.

Coast Guard Rear Adm. Thad Allen said he is "not really sure" why there was such a vast discrepancy between where the plane was believed to have crashed and where it actually did.

"In a lot of these cases, as they emerge, there is a lot of confusion," Allen said.

Cuban officials initially reported that as many as 18 people were on the plane, but Allen said the survivors told the ship's crew that only 10 were aboard.

Air traffic control in Havana notified the air traffic control center in Miami at 8:45 a.m. that the aircraft reported a possible hijacking, said Kathleen Bergen, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman in Atlanta. The plane headed west out of Cuba, and contact was lost 15 minutes later.

The FAA had no voice or radar contact with the aircraft, Bergen said. The Pentagon also said it had no radar contact with the plane.

The AWACS plane based at Tinker Air Force base in Oklahoma was on a training mission when it picked up the beacon and was diverted to the Coast Guard search.

Jose Zavala, a supervisor at Cuba's Institute of Civil Aeronautics in Havana, said by telephone the plane was used for agricultural work. He declined to provide any other details.

The long-range single-engine bush plane is used for passenger flights, crop-dusting and forest fire suppression.

U.S. officials initially described the Russian-made plane as a sea plane.

A similar aircraft was stolen by its pilot and four other Cubans on June 19, 1991.

That plane landed safely at Miami International Airport, directed in by air traffic controllers who had both radar and radio contact with the pilot.

The 1966 U.S. Cuban Adjustment Act allows Cubans who reach U.S. soil to apply for U.S. residency.

The communist government in Cuba says the law violates 1994 and 1995 migration accords with the United States aimed at encouraging orderly, legal immigration.

President Clinton said the health and safety of the survivors should be America's first concern.



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Rescue: U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmer Joe Kean prepares to board the helicopter to rescue one injured male survivor of an apparent Cuban plane crash in the open waters southwest of Key West, Fla. in Boca Chica Naval Air Station in Key West.

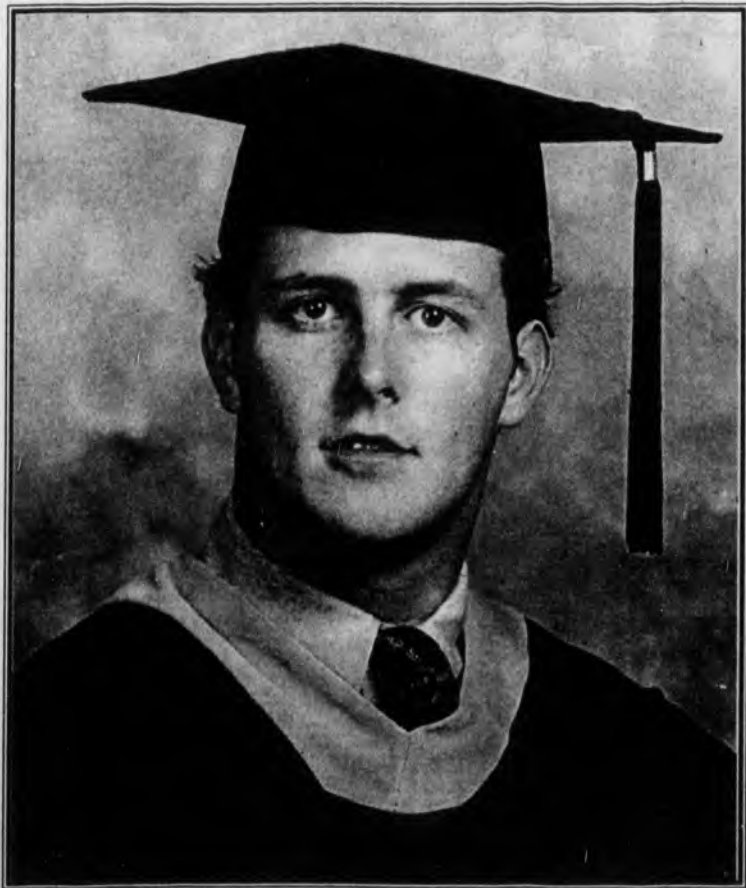
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Grant waived

CLEVELAND — Guard Gary Grant, acquired by the Cavaliers on Aug. 30 in a three-way trade that sent Shawn Kemp to Portland and Brian Grant to Miami, was waived Tuesday by Cleveland.

Grant, 35, has played 12 years in the NBA, including the last three with Portland.

He was acquired by Cleveland along with forwards Chris Gatling and Clarence Weatherspoon, a future first-round draft choice and cash.



JUSTIN
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Staff Writer

Resigning Manny is good idea for Tribe

Does anyone remember Albert Belle? While Cleveland fans don't like him now, you can't forget how great he was.

For eight seasons left field was appropriately dubbed "Albert's Alley," and no matter how many NBC reporters he yelled at, no matter how many photographers he threw baseballs at, Clevelanders adored him.

Tribe fans especially loved him in 95 and 96 when Belle hit for a combined 98 homers, 274 RBIs and a .314 batting average. There he was, at the time baseball's greatest hitter, and then just like that "Joey" decided John Hart just wasn't offering enough money and when Hart decided Belle wasn't worth it, Belle was off to Chicago.

Not to worry though, Cleveland had a guy by the name of Manny Ramirez who was cranking out about 30 homers a season and knocking in around 100 RBIs while hitting above the .300 mark. So Tribe fans were able to justify letting go of their biggest star in the peak of his prime.

As the 2000 season comes to it's exciting finish, Tribe fans and John Hart find themselves in a similar situation. Manny is a free agent at the end of this season, and so far we haven't made him an offer that's high enough for his tastes.

Why would Ramirez sign here for 15 million, when he could sign in New York for twenty? GM John Hart and Tribe owner Larry Dolan need to sit down, and iron out a deal that is acceptable to Ramirez.

It's not like they can't afford it. When the Tribe sent Justice to the hated Yankees for Ricky Ledee they freed up lots of money, more than enough to resign Manny. Cleveland fans wouldn't take it kindly to losing their biggest star again.

Just take a look at what Ramirez has done over the last three seasons. In 98 and 99 Manny hit a combined 89 homers, 310 RBIs and a combined .340 batting average. Those numbers are amazing, better than Belle's two-year totals in 95 and 96.

There isn't a hitter in the game today that can hit that many home runs, get that many RBIs and still hit for a .340 batting average. This year Manny was hurt for awhile and he has only played in 102 games.

Do you know how many RBIs he has? Manny has 110, that's more RBIs than games played. No one else in the league has more RBIs than games played. Then there's the fact that he's still hitting over 30 homers and he has a .350 batting average.

There isn't a better hitter in the game of baseball today than Ramirez. I don't care how high Nomar's BA is, Manny has a high BA to and he hits for a lot more power.

For the Indians to give him up would be the biggest mistake in Cleveland since Shawn Kemp came to the Cavs. Does anyone remember where Cleveland was in the standings before he got hurt? Just one and a half games out of first place.

Does anyone remember where we were by the time he

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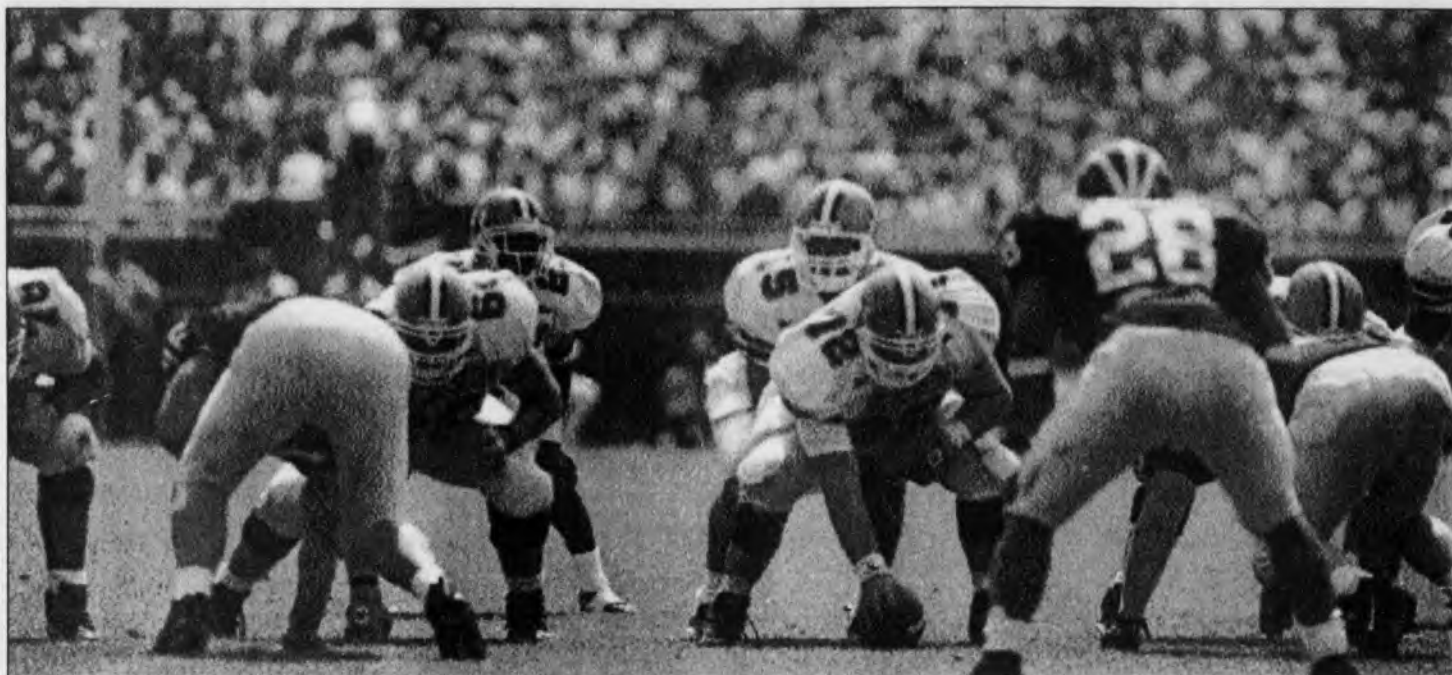
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THE BIG HOUSE: Malcom Robinson, 76 (far left), gets ready to protect quarterback Andy Sahn during the Michigan contest and Robinson says the o-line is like a family.

Change can be good

Falcon right tackle Malcom Robinson has played both offensive and defensive line for the Brown and Orange and loves every minute.

By Dan Nied
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Malcolm Robinson sits with basset hound eyes, drooping into high cheekbones set against a skin texture that contrasts from the smoothest baby to the roughest cowboy.

It all sits underneath a head of hair wildly arranged in short, black dreadlocks that suggest his age isn't nearly as old as his features would suggest.

The rest is heart. The rest of him, which measures 6-foot-4-inches and 290 pounds, belongs to the Bowling Green football team.

The lineman's main goal is to make sure the Falcons excel in the trenches.

Is he an offensive lineman or a defensive lineman? Well, it depends on what time frame you're in. This season, Robinson is anchoring the right side of the offensive line, replacing the departed Chad McCarthy.

"I came here with high expectations. I didn't know which way I was gonna play ... I played both ways and I had something they could use on the team."

MALCOLM ROBINSON, TACKLE

Last season, however, Robinson was a stopper at defensive tackle, starting all 11 games and netting 18 tackles.

But then again, Malcolm spent his 1997 redshirt season learning the offense as one of the offensive hogs.

But, as an incoming freshman, he didn't know where he was going to play.

"I came here with high expectations," Robinson said. "I didn't know which way I was gonna play. I had just been picked up

because I played both ways and I had something they could use on the team."

They've used him in a plethora of ways. Robinson's role on team is to fill in the gaps.

Not surprisingly, Robinson starred on both sides of the ball for Fostoria High School. He helped lead them to the Ohio division II state championship and was an all state selection.

High school football crazy Fostoria was the perfect place for Robinson to develop and showcase his talents.

"In Fostoria, the whole town goes to all the games," he said. "My family has always been good friends with coach (Dick) Kidwell so I've always been around the program."

Now, after his second position switch in as many years, Robinson has to deal with forgetting the defense he was just getting a grasp of, and learning an intricate offense. But, as Robinson says, he'll do anything

to help the team.

"It does kinda frustrate me because right when I was getting the defense down they made the switch," he said. "But it wasn't that big of a deal because I wanted to help the team out more than personal gain. I figured I could sacrifice some and do what's best for the team if that's what they thought was best."

But, the transition has been made more smoothly by joining the exclusive fraternity of the offensive linemen. Robinson was amazed at how easily he entered the group.

"I was really surprised they accepted me," he said. "I was kinda hesitant because I know you have to be in the group for a while, but they accepted me with open arms and I really appreciate that."

Now, instead of being a defensive individual, Robinson is part of a five man offensive unit. That is one of the biggest aspects he

had to get used to.

"It's more like a team. The o-line effort is all together," Robinson said. "It's more all of us as a unit if one of us breaks down then the whole line is messed up. That makes it a lot nicer. You have really close friends, almost like brothers."

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BACKGROUND: 6-4, 290 pounds, junior from Fostoria, was first-team Division II all-state selection at nose tackle his senior year.

AS A FALCON: Was redshirted first year and in second year, switched to defensive line. Didn't play much but in 1999, played in all 11 games and collected 18 tackles. This season, he moved again, this time to right tackle on the o-line.

WEIGHT ROOM: Can bench 345, squat 530 and hang clean 325.

Rommeck named Player of the Week

By Nick Hurm
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When the Mid-American Conference created the Defensive Player of the Week award, they expected to hand out the award to a number of players on different teams.

They didn't expect that the Bowling Green volleyball team to hog it for the third straight week, but the conference had no choice. As long as Falcon middle-hitter Caty Rommeck keeps playing the same level of defense that has propelled the Falcons to a quick 7-2 start, the MAC may never be able to give the award to a different team.

Rommeck was named the MAC Defensive Player of the Week for the second consecutive week after a stellar performance at the Bowling Green Invitational this past weekend. She was named the tournament MVP after she averaged 2.0 blocks and 3.1 digs per contest.

Rommeck has a total of 19 more blocks than any in the MAC and is averaging 1.91 per game. Her offense is nothing to cry about either. In the last two weeks, she has been nominated for the MAC Offensive Player of the Week award. The Sterling Heights, MI native is third in the

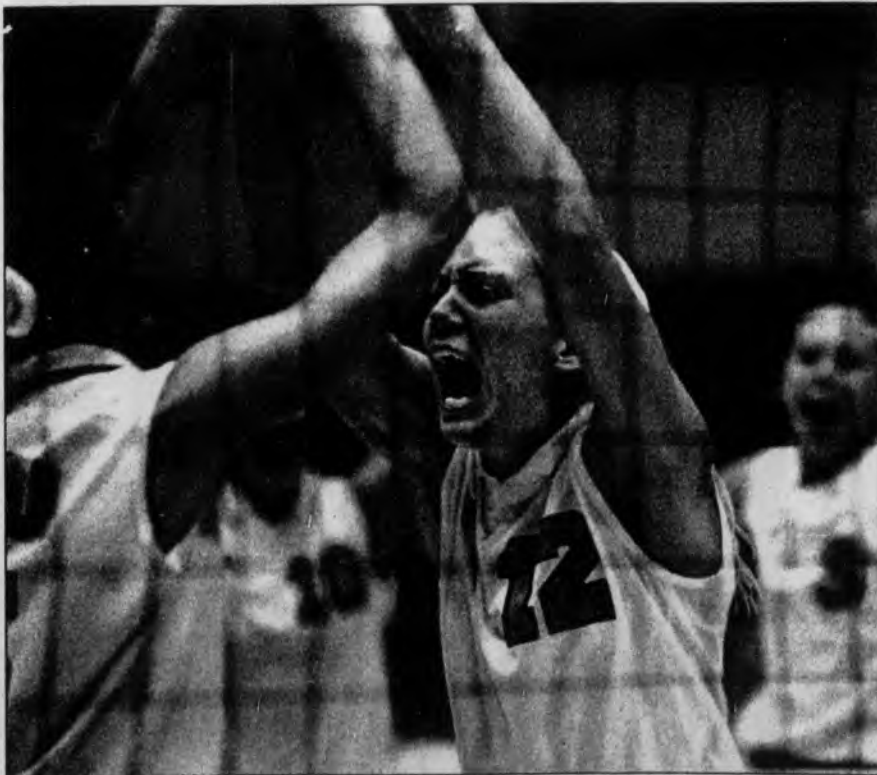
conference in hitting percentage at .346 and fifth in kills per game at 4.03.

"I had to more less find the confidence in myself," Rommeck said. "Now that I'm getting that more and more everyday it kinds of builds. I don't know where my highest level is at yet, hopefully I'll find it and stay at that level."

If Rommeck is not at her highest level yet, there will be a lot of teams in the MAC in trouble. But the team has much more than Rommeck that has enabled it to get off to a fast start. Remember last year left-side hitter Melissa Lewis received Offensive P-O-W honors three weeks in a row and the Falcons got off to a 5-5 start.

Freshman Susie Norris still leads the conference in digs per game at 4.47. She may be a rookie, but on the court it's hard to tell. Part of the reason may be that Norris was coached in club ball by former Falcon setter Wendy Teamman (Watkins). In the last match of the tournament, Norris had 18 kills and hit a .500 average. An above par hitting average is usually around .300.

"I wasn't expecting it," said



Michael Lehmkuhle BG News

DOMINATE: Falcon junior middle hitter Caty Rommeck celebrates with teammates last weekend. Rommeck was again named the Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

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Ruggers pound on Miami

By Wes Holsinger
GUEST WRITER

The roughly 5000 fans that showed up at College Park to attend a rugby match last Saturday were instead treated to a track meet.

The BG rugby team ran over, around and through the Miami RedHawk defense on their way to a 97-7 victory.

Just for good measures, the Falcons tagged the RedHawks with a 44-0 loss in the second match as well as beating John Carroll University 19-0 and 10-3 later that day.

"Miami whammy? Ain't no stinking Miami whammy around this sport," BG coach Roger Mazzarella said.

"When our offense is on, it is on," he said. "Give us a dry day and a fast track and an opponent could put two teams out there and we'd still score in bunches."

Just to give the victory a big more perspective, the score would have been worse if the Falcons hadn't dropped six passes that looked like certain tries or if the referee hadn't mercifully shortened the match a full 20 minutes. As it was, the 97 points represented the third highest total in BG rugby history.

"We've had tougher practice scrimmages against our rookies," said BG captain Reed Luecke.

Mazzarella credited fly half Chad Cunnigan with directing the

victory.

"He called an excellent game today and exploited the glaring weaknesses in the Miami defense."

Exploitation was the word of the day. With Miami pulling up to four forwards out of the pack to shore up their porous outside defense, the RedHawks left the midfield area wide open. Eight times, the Falcons cruised through the gaping holes in the middle for tries.

"I have to hand it to BG, they have so many horses it wouldn't have mattered what we did today," said Miami coach Doug Edwards.

Inside center Pete Cromly played the part of drum major of the Falcon offensive parade. Cromly put four tries over the goal line, the shortest from 45 yards out and hit 11 of 15 conversion kicks for a total of 42 points. His efforts tied the BG rugby single game scoring record held by wing Paul Tod, ironically set in a 92-0 win against Miami in 1993.

Following close behind were center Scott Mullins and wing Tim Rieger with hat tricks and Luecke adding a pair of tries. Solo tries were added by prop Brian Virost, scrum half Vinnie Staropoli and fullback Kurt Weaver.

The defensive hemorrhaging continued unabated for the RedHawks in the second match as well, a 44-0 spanking. Flanker



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BUTT KICKING: Falcon center Pete Cromly takes off on a scoring run last weekend against Miami. Cromly tied the BG single game scoring record with 42 points.

Wes Holsinger and prop Doug Ulrich each scored a pair while wing Tom Congwer, center Dusty Setmire, eight man Tim Laubensheimer and hooker Trip Gaul each scored one apiece. Fly half Jon Woodman booted two conversion kicks.

The Falcon rookies made their debut last weekend against John Carroll, winning both matches by the scores of 19-0 and 10-3.

"I have to hand it to rookie coaches Bus Hopps, Tyler Carroll

and Garrett Fisher," Mazzarella said. "They did an excellent job taking 40 guys that never even had seen rugby before and turned them into match winners with just three days of practice."

Flankers John Black and Vinh Tran and lock Kevin Mongold scored BG's tries in the first match while fly half Ben Hicks and scrum half Dusty Setmire each booted a conversion. In the second match, center Carl Samuel and eight man Ryan Minnick

were the Falcons scorers.

The Brown and Orange, now 8-0, host Western Michigan Saturday.

"Never seen rugby before? No problem," Mazzarella said. "Come out to the game this weekend. I flat out guarantee another offensive fireworks show."

Game time is set at 1 p.m. at the College Park rugby field.

Volleyball on fire

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Norris, about leading the conference in kills. "I came here to work hard and have high hopes. Defense has always been a strong part of me."

Set the record

BG setter Natalie Becker and five other Falcons help break a three year old record for the most sets in a four game match. The team had a combined 73 sets in the match against University of

Illinois-Chicago breaking the old record held against Ohio in 1997.

Looking to Ace

BG has been strong in almost every faze of the game accept serving. The Falcons right now are dead last in the MAC in services aces with a 1.18 average. BG assistant coach James Neyhouse says that serving is one of the Falcons main focuses right now.

Ramirez valuable to Tribe

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came back? That's right, 11 and a half games out of first. Ramirez means more to this offense than plastic surgery does to Cher.

Now General Manager John Hart offered Manny 15 million. Ramirez turned it down while at the same time making it clear to us through his agent Jeff Moorad

that he wants to stay in Cleveland. Moorad has said it would take 17 million to re-sign Manny.

That's 2 million dollars that Dolan can easily get back when the Tribe continues to make the playoffs for the next however many years. That's money that might not come in if we don't re-

sign Manny. If the Indians do get into the playoffs, it will be a photo finish, and Manny was only hurt for 40 games. Imagine what it would be like if Manny weren't here at all...

Justin Barasky can be reached at jbarask@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

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Soccer travels to Dayton

By Derek McCord
STAFF WRITER

After a brief stop in Dayton today the Bowling Green men's soccer team will finally be able to don their home uniforms.

The Falcons are coming off their second straight win of the season against Detroit-Mercy after Chris Kraft tallied the match winning goal in the 89th minute to put them up 2-1. The victory gave Falcon head coach Mel Mahler his 100th collegiate victory.

Now the century man and his troops will focus on a very big weekend where they will play three matches in five days starting with Dayton.

The Flyers are now 4-2 on the season after defeating local rival Wright State 2-1 on Monday.

Flyer first year head coach Dave Schureck will have offensive leaders R.J. Kaszuba (5-1-11) and Sunday Isemane (3-1-7) at his disposal, but has not truly made up his mind on the goaltending situation. Junior Matt Hutchins (3-2) and senior Jeff Krempec (1-0) both have wins this season and it is not known who will start today.

The last time the two teams met in Dayton now senior Fred Degand scored the only goal in a Falcon 1-0 victory. Last years meeting saw Bowling Green take

a 3-1 victory and up their all-time record against the Flyers to 16-7.

The 2000 BG Diadora Classic will have Ohio State, Vanderbilt, Oakland and of course the Falcons going up against each other for tournament champion. Each team will play two matches with BG going up against Ohio State on Saturday and Vanderbilt on Sunday.

"I am real excited about its the first year that Diadora is our sponsor and has been real generous in helping us support this tournament," Mahler said. "We have a really great field, Vanderbilt is a very good program that plays in the Missouri Valley Conference. Then we have Ohio State in a Big Ten them and Oakland which is in the MCC. We will definitely have our hands full with Ohio State and Vanderbilt."

The Buckeyes are coming off and impressive 0-0 tie against NSCAA ninth ranked Virginia Commonwealth and a 2-1 victory over the College of Charleston.

The last time Bowling Green faced the Buckeyes was in an exhibition match in the spring.

"We had a good game against them in the spring, but spring is different than the fall," Mahler said. "That does not mean that's the same team coming back in the fall."

The last meeting the two schools had for real was

September 13, 1998 in which the two played to a 1-1 draw.

Mahler feels that it is key to win games against Dayton and Ohio State to get respect in Ohio.

"One of our goals is to be the top team, if not one of the best in Ohio every year," Mahler said. "We always want to be competitive against any Ohio opponent in which it helps in things like recruiting and proves that the Mid-American conference teams can play against the Big Ten."

BG currently stands fourth in the Ohio coaches poll behind Ohio State Dayton and Wright State.

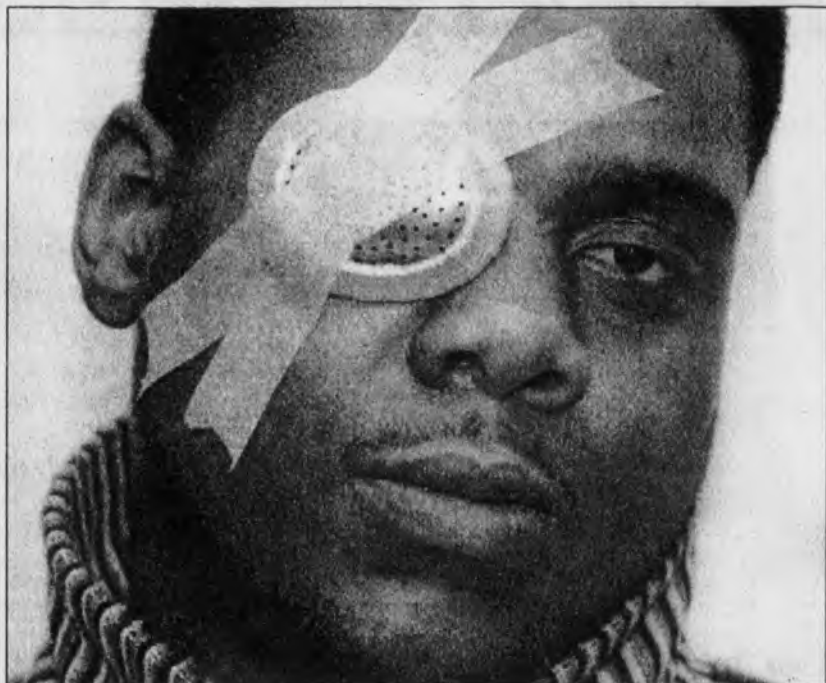
Bowling Green will face Vanderbilt the first time ever Sunday.

Commodore coach Randy Johnson like Schureck cannot seem to make up his mind on who will play in net. The 28 year vet has played Mike Fach (0-1-0), Matt Gotterer (0-1-0) and Brad Winter (2-2-0) this season.

Vanderbilt is coming off a split weekend after losing to James Madison 2-1 and beating Cornell 2-0.

The Falcons will be without defensive back Adam Schokora for the three matches with a strained miniscus. P.J. Behan will take over for him in the starting 11.

Injured Brown cut by Cleveland



Associated Press Photo

CUT: Browns offensive tackle Orlando Brown was cut yesterday and hasn't played since an eye injury.

CLEVELAND — Offensive tackle Orlando Brown, who hasn't played since his right eye was struck by a referee's penalty flag last season, was released Tuesday by the Cleveland

Browns.

"After several conversations with him, I came to the conclusion it would be in his best interests not to continue his

pursuit of playing," said coach Chris Palmer.

Brown's agent, Tom Condon, did not return a message seeking comment.

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University builds bridges to help community

By Niki Sams

On Oct. 1, 2000, fraternities and sororities from the University will invade the city of Bowling Green.

The invasion, called Project Building Bridges, was developed over the summer by the Interfraternity, National Pan-Hellenic and Panhellenic Councils. The project is designed to show the University's concern with helping mend the relationship between the students and residents of Bowling Green.

Building Bridges will be undoing the damage done by intoxicated

students vandalizing private property on their way to and from downtown. They

"...we want to help the community and be a part of it."

*- Steve Swaggerty
IFC president*

will also be helping the elderly, or anyone, who needs assistance with yard work or other tasks. Building Bridges' goal is to

be a part of the solution, rather than the problem.

"We tend to lose sight of the community while we are on campus and we need to know the issues that are out there," IFC president Steve Swaggerty said, commenting on the rising elderly population in Bowling Green.

A project similar to this called Into the Streets was implemented during the early 1990s. Swaggerty and Panhellenic president Nikki Smith

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Sororities stress unity during recruitment

"No Matter the Letter, We're All Greek Together," seems to be the latest campus buzz among new students this year. It's that time of year again when over 900 of BGSU's Greek women unite with one common goal: To give women a chance to form new bonds of friendship, stress the importance of academics, and offer new members the opportunities and the qualities needed to become strong leaders.

This year's formal recruitment theme, "No Matter the Letter, We're All Greek Together," was created by members of the Panhellenic Council and the individual recruitment officers to emphasize the unity that is shared among Greek students.

"A lot of people don't recognize that although we belong to different chapters, we possess many of the same qualities and views about the Greek system."

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Members of the ΑΞΔ sorority welcome a potential new member.

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Going Greek: From the eyes of the freshmen

New students offer their opinions on Greek life

By Nicole Valek

As a freshman, the start of college means the start of a new life. It means saying goodbye to old friends and taking the next step to make new ones.

One path to take to engage in new friendship is entering into the world of Greek life.

According to some freshmen students at BGSU, joining a fraternity or sorority is a great way to meet new people.

"From what I've heard, it is one of the best ways to make friends and to socialize," said Candi Lawrence, freshman, early childhood major.

For new students, joining a fraternity or sorority is probably one of the easiest ways to meet people

with common interests.

The majority of fraternities and sororities contribute to the school or community in some way. They also offer students experiences and opportunities through events and interaction with others.

"I really don't know a whole lot about the Greek system, but from what I've heard, fraternities are a great way to meet people and the intramural sports are a lot of fun," said freshman Andy Saneholtz, major undecided.

According to Kevin Schmidt, freshman accounting major, "I'm going through rush right now and it is so awesome. I've met so many

people and they are so outgoing and not stuck-up like a lot of people on this campus."

Despite the positive reflections of Greek life, fraternities and sororities have received a bad reputation for being conceited and cliquish.

"I've heard that sororities can be a lot like high school," said Katie Pringle, early childhood major. "If you are in the right one, you are considered popular and everyone likes you, but if you choose the wrong one people will have a certain impression about you and won't talk to you."

Some freshman also have the notion that by joining a fraternity or

sorority, you really aren't making true friends.

"I kind of think of it as you are trying to pay for your friends, and that you can't really make them on your own, so you have to buy them," said Traci Schmieler, freshman fashion design.

Although fraternities and sororities aren't for everyone, they are definitely worth checking out.

Mario Alvarado, freshman undecided stated, "I have friends both in and out of Greek life, so personally I think if it works for you, go for it."

"Sororities" *continued from page 1*

"Needless to say, we are more alike than we are different," said Delta Gamma recruitment chair, Darla Pete.

Formal recruitment began on Saturday Sept. 16, with what is known as first rounds. First rounds are the most informal round of recruitment, and the potential new members visit every sorority chapter.

Philanthropy rounds are held the following weekend. During the philanthropy rounds the potential new members spend time working on a project that will benefit charity. Each house selects its own charity to represent.

Preference rounds conclude recruitment on the Sunday of the final weekend. The preference round offers potential new members a more serious and intimate look at the sororities.

The process lasts a total of two

consecutive weekends.

Throughout the two weekend recruitment process, potential new members go through a selection process to decide which houses they will revisit. This process is facilitated by the Rho Chis, recruitment counselors, who are already members of a sorority. The identity of each Rho Chi's chapter is kept secret until the conclusion of recruitment.

The recruitment process is targeted primarily towards incoming freshman, but is not limited to a specific grade level.

One of the major differences between last year and this year's recruitment process deals a lot with what has gone on behind the scenes. Panhellenic vice president of recruitment, Sarah Bateson, came into her position with the intention of adding as much as possible to the overall process.

Bateson's responsibilities consisted of organizing, planning and scheduling recruiting events, as well as getting the Greek system's positive image out to students. A dynamic public relations campaign was considered the key turnaround from campaigns used in previous years.

For the first time ever, the Panhellenic and Interfraternal Councils, the two associations that oversee Greek chapters, teamed up to build a successful strategy that emphasized the opportunities Greek life has to offer.

"Working with IFC was a great experience. It was nice to generate so many ideas and stress Greek unity as a whole, rather than within our individual chapters," said Bateson.

Striving to incorporate fresh, new ideas, this year's Panhellenic recruitment team was faced with a challenge. The closing of the

University Union introduced a fear that one of the most exciting events of recruitment, Bid Day, would be canceled.

Bid Day, a day when potential new members receive their invitations to membership and are welcomed by their sororities, has always been held in the Union ballroom. Everyone put their heads together and decided to hold Bid Day in Anderson Arena.

This year Bid Day will feature live music, decorations, and open arms ready to welcome the new members.

As long as the Panhellenic recruitment theme maintains the attention of students on campus, every Greek chapter is certain to accomplish their common goal and make this year's recruitment a success.

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"It's Grek to Me"

*A monthly column to help solve
Greek myths and mysteries*

By Adrian Mitchell

Why does fall recruitment cause singing and screaming girls?

It's 8:30 a.m. when you are woken up to the sound of screaming women.

You were up late last night and you still aren't used to the loud train that passes through Bowling Green. Finally, you manage to roll over to peer out the window. All the sorority women are outside in their letters cheering. Even though you are really tired, you can't help but wonder what all of the commotion is about.

It's called recruitment and every year all of the sororities work together to recruit new women. It's one of the biggest events of the year and every sorority prepares for months. It's a time for all of the Greek women to show their spirit and to encourage new women to join.

Much of the singing and screaming is a part of the welcoming process. Many sororities greet their potential members with songs. The songs also help to keep the chapter members upbeat and full of energy throughout the long recruitment days.

"I am so excited to meet so many new women," explains Laura Lonsway, a member of Alpha Phi. "It means a long and stressful couple of weeks, but when Bid Day comes around it will all be worth it!"

Bid Day, another song-filled event, is a celebration for the women who complete the recruitment process and will become new sorority members. On Bid Day chapters engage in songs and chants to show their pride and celebrate their new members.

The Panhellenic community would like to apologize for any hours of missed shut-eye. Please

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Fraternities recruit using old and new methods

By Nick Hurm and Melissa Kimbler

Both the IFC (Interfraternal Council) and the NPHC (National Pan-Hellenic Council) have the tough task ahead of them of recruiting a new class of men to keep the Greek system going.

The recruitment process for males is traditionally more informal than the women's process.

"We don't recruit as a council. Each

individual chapter has its own informational dates," explains NPHC president Paul Williams.

Men are notified about the informational dates by signs that are hung throughout the campus.

The benefit to an informal recruitment, says Williams, is that pledging is a "more exciting" process.

"We don't disclose too much about the chapter so pledging offers an entrance to a society filled with pride. It's more of a discovery."

This year, the IFC has added an additional recruitment option for males on campus.

The IFC set up a recruitment staff to help interested men become Greek.

With the recruitment staff, a student fills out a registration form. The male is then taken through the recruitment process with the help of an IFC member.

Steve Swaggerty, IFC president, says the system is in the beginning stages, but over time it will be a positive

compliment to recruitment.

According to Swaggerty, 10 men showed up for the first night of the new recruitment process.

Aaron Helton, a freshman, used the new recruitment system.

"I went around with the recruitment staff, but there weren't a lot of people with us. I probably would have been better off going alone," he said.

"The system has shown signs of growth," Swaggerty says. "When we started it we didn't know what to expect. Right now we're trying to fine tune things."

Men who are interested in joining a fraternity should look for signs on campus or call the IFC office.

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Meet Dr. Jeff Waple, Director of Greek life

By Melissa Kimbler



**Dr. Jeff Waple,
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Greek Experience:

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- * President of IFC for two years
- * Greek advisor at EMU
- * Director of Greek life at ISU
- * Assistant to VP of student life at ISU

Fun Fact:

Born in Wood County Hospital

On July 5 of this year, Dr. Jeff Waple unpacked his things in Room 440 of Saddlemire and began his first day as the director of Greek life at Bowling Green State University.

Waple is responsible for "operating, supervising, and directing the Greek community."

Waple, who has nearly 12 years of Greek experience, believes that BGSU has all of the necessary elements for a strong Greek community. With the help of students, Waple intends to bring them together.

Already, he has set very clear goals for BGSU's Greek family.

The recruitment process is one of the areas that Waple would like to modify the most. "We need to have recruitment efforts going 365 days a year," Waple says.

Waple has urged Greek members to consider that everything they do "sends a message. Each chapter reflects on the entire Greek community," he says.

Waple plans to provide resources for chapter development. He would like to offer financial support for workshops and chapter improvement activities.

By the end of the year, Waple would also like to have all of Bowling Green's Greek organizations housed on campus. 30 of the 38 organizations currently reside on campus.

Waple would like to see house directors take a more active role in chapter life. Chapter involvement has always been required of house directors, he says, but has been poorly monitored in the past.

Monitoring the successes and problems that the Greek community encounters will be easier under Waple's administration. Each division of Greek affairs now has a designated coordinator. Waple oversees all of the Greek coordinators.

The division, says Waple, will provide each chapter with more access to counseling and advice.

According to Waple, BGSU has the largest staff in the nation dedicated to Greek life.

Administration, however, will not be making all of the decisions. Waple believes that "People support what they help to create," and has vowed to "never make a decision that effects students without asking students."

To facilitate student participation, Waple is creating committees for students who would like to help or offer their opinions about changes being made in Greek life. Waple is currently forming four committees to discuss Greek strategic planning, the future of Greek housing, Greek marketing, and chapter standards.

"I really love to meet students and talk with students. My door is open 95 percent of the time," he says.

The Waple family is expecting a new arrival Oct. 1.

Congratulations from The Gavel!

Delta Zetas find home on campus

Less than a year after being reinstated, the Delta Zeta sorority finds housing on campus

By Nick Hurm

It was only last year that Delta Zeta was re-established as a sorority at Bowling Green. Now, members of the sorority hope to claim a permanent spot in Bowling Green's Greek system.

Delta Zeta took a big step in doing so this year by establishing the sorority's first house on campus. It is located in the former Conklin girls house in Conklin East.

Rachel Fogel, president of Delta Zeta, said that things have come a long way for the BG chapter. Fogle had one main goal for this year - to receive a house for the chapter.

Gradual gains in membership and campus involvement helped to

accomplish the Delta Zeta's task.

Bud Beaty, the director of residence life helped the chapter get the house. He told Fogle, "get the house filled." Fogle and other founding members did just that.

The Delta Zeta's quickly went from 32 members to the 41 members they required to fill a house on campus. The chapter currently has 46 members.

"It was hard," Fogle said about getting the house. "But we had a lot of people pulling for us. Since we had done so well with recruitment they (the Office of Residence Life) went ahead and gave us the house."

It was only two years ago that the

Delta Zetas suffered dangerously low recruitment and the Delta Zeta chapter

"It was hard, but we had a lot of people pulling for us."

*Rachel Fogle
Delta Zeta president*

of Bowling Green was closed.

Three national executives of Delta

Zeta came to BG to help get the chapter relaunched. Fogle became the first issued member of the new, Gamma Tau chapter of Delta Zeta.

Only a sophomore, Fogle is the youngest Greek president on campus.

"The biggest struggle is just having everything kind of thrown at us because we really don't know how a sorority works," Fogle said. "Basically the big thing right now is figuring how one position affects another. But we stay very involved."

Delta Zeta has other sister chapters in Ohio, including the original that was started at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Community Calendar

September

25	Bid Day	9:15 Anderson Arena
26	PH Open recruitment NPHC mtg. FC mtg.	9:15 BA 1008 9:15 BA 113
30	Alpha Sig Phi mud volleyball	

October

1	Building Bridges Alpha Om Pi Bath tub Races Pi Beta Phi Mud Tug	11:30 2:00 SRC Fieldhouse	deadline to sign up is 9/29 contact Nicole or Julie at 353-4068
3	IFC mtg. PH mtg.	9:15 BA 113 9:15 BA 111	
8	Alpha Phi Broomball Greek Gala	11:00 ice arena	deadline to sign up 10/02
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17	Delta Sigma Theta Love auction	8:00 Saddlemire	
20	Phi Mu Pancake Bkfst.	10-2 St. Thomas Moore	
22	Alpha Xi Delta football	2-5 Fieldhouse	
23	Delta Sigma Theta Cafe		
24	IFC mtg. 9:15 NPHC mtg. 9:15	BA 113 BA 1008	
25	Delta Sigma Theta Wellness workshop The Gavel Comes out!	6:30 BA 1114	

Political columnist to speak at Bowling Green

By Nicole Valek

Molly Ivins, the three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, best-selling author and syndicated political columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram is this year's Currier Endowed Speaker in Journalism at Bowling Green State University.

Ivins says politics is great entertainment and will offer her views on this year's presidential elections during her address at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, in 101A Olscamp Hall. The title of the speech is "Molly Ivins Can't Say That Can She?"

The address is free and open to the public.

Her newest release, "Shrub: The Short But Happy Political Life of

George W. Bush" gives an analysis of the record of a man who could become the leader of the United States.

She is also the author of three books, "Molly Ivins Can't Say That Can She?," "Nothin' But Good Times Ahead," and "You Got to Dance with Them What Brung You: Politics in the Clinton Years," all collections of



Mary Ivins will speak Tuesday in Olscamp 101A.

essays on politics and journalism.

Ivins was a reporter for the *Houston Chronicle*, the *New York Times*, *The Star Tribune* in Minneapolis and a columnist for the *Dallas Times Herald*.

Ivins was the coeditor of the liberal monthly *Texas Observer* and has published in *Esquire*, *The Atlantic*, *The*

Nation, *Harper's*, *The Progressive*, *Mother Jones*, *TV Guide* and many other publications. She has also appeared on *60 Minutes*, *National Public Radio* and the *NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer.

The lecture series is sponsored by the Department of Journalism at BGSU and funded through the Florence and Jesse Currier Endowment.

Jesse Currier established the department of journalism in 1941 and directed it for 27 years. His wife, Florence Currier, was dean of women and founded the Bowling Green chapter of the Association of Women Students and Cap and Gown, a senior women's honor society.

Volunteer openings at COSI

By Elaine Downard

Attention students! Are you looking for something new and fun to fulfill your community service needs? Try COSI.

COSI, the Center of Science and Industry, is just a short trip on I-75 north to downtown Toledo. Even though it is a science museum, no previous science knowledge is required to volunteer. COSI teaches the volunteers what they need to know, so anyone with any kind of talent can be a valuable help.

"You can experience so many different things at COSI because they can choose where and how they help in ways that work for them. That means if you like acting, engineering, sports, biology, psychology or even just playing with kids, COSI is the place for you.

"It's great to see smiling children experience new things that make science fun!" said Steph Ellis, a Water

Works volunteer.

COSI especially needs help during Sept. 25-29 for their Little Scientists Week. This is a special program held for pre-school and kindergarten kids all week long from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. This year kids will be learning all about six-legged creatures through stories, songs, puppet shows, crafts and hands-on demonstrations.

Another upcoming event is National Earth Sciences Week, Oct. 9-13. Activities for the week will include programs about weather, recycling and other environmental concepts.

COSI does not just need volunteers for special events though. The museum is open 10 to 5 Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 on Sundays. Occasionally, COSI is open for after hours events as well.

The MTV Video Music Awards

...an erin norman point of view...

By Erin V. Norman

The much-anticipated MTV Video Music Awards took place at Radio City Music Hall on September 8. MTV once again produced a star-packed show with little clothing and lots of entertaining acts.

The emcees this year were the Wayans brothers, Shawn and Marlon. The Wayans tried to follow in Chris Rock's footsteps, but just seemed to lack Rock's boyish charm. The Wayans did offer us one funny piece involving Macy Gray (who, by the way, was on something) and her "bush."

Eminem and NSync were the big winners of the night, both walking away with three awards. Eminem was a little forgetful, leaving his acceptance speech at home. Luckily though, he did remember his "pills" and to shake Carson Dailey's hand.

Surprisingly, there were many teen pop sensations that walked away

empty-handed, such as Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera.

And speaking of Britney Spears, I honestly have to say that she looked good in her thong ensemble. However, I do think that her striptease performance was too much for her preteen following to witness.

Despite Britney's (and many others') outrageous attire, the inventor of Napster, teen genius Shawn Fanning, wins my vote for best dressed. Fanning made his appearance on the VMA dressed in an old school Metallica tee shirt. Metallica's drummer Lars Ulrich seemed quite impressed. I say give the kid a break. I mean, come on, everyone loves free stuff!

Overall, I found the awards to be very entertaining and well produced. In the future would like to see less lip sinking and more clothes (Sorry boys!).

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wanted to continue the ideas of Into the Streets. Together, they created Building Bridges.

"Most people think that (Greeks) don't do anything to help or we only do what we have to do," stated Smith. "This project shows that we want to help the community and be a part of it."

Project Building Bridges is also meant to demonstrate what philanthropy and Greek life is really about, and erase the negative image that the Bowling Green community may have.

Senior Molly Lautzenheiser, marketing major, believes that "the community provides so much for us, and this is a great opportunity to give something back."

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The College of Arts and Sciences will hold their first Forum luncheon of the 2000-01 school year this month.

Dr. Martin Prochaska will be this year's inaugural speaker. Dr. Prochaska is a docent of English and chair of the English department at Charles University, one of the oldest universities in the Czech Republic.

Prochaska, a native of Prague, will address the social conflict, political unrest, and consequences of the Velvet Revolution as he witnessed them. Based on his experiences, Prochaska will open the forum series with a discussion on the changes brought about to the humanities, his university and country as a result of the Velvet Revolution.

The program will begin at 12:30 on Tuesday, September 26 in Room 1104 of Offenhauer West.

Individuals, groups and students are all welcome to attend this lecture free of charge.

Lunch will be catered and served at noon for \$5.75. Reservations must be made by September 21 by calling 372-2340.

Any missed or cancelled reservations will be billed to your bursar account.

Career influences

By Melissa Kimbler

A girl walks by. The back of her shirt shows two people, a mother and a daughter. It says, "There is no greater influence than that of a mother's."

Is this true? Does our family have any weight in the decisions that we make?

When it comes to careers, 34 percent of Bowling Green State University students that participated in a paper survey said their parents had influenced their decision.

Among the colleges at BGSU, the numbers varied. Parental influence was felt the most by students in the college of Health and Human Services, and the least in the college of Musical Arts.

Parental influence on career decisions can come in many forms. Some students are introduced to their potential careers by their parents. 38 percent of the people surveyed responded that they are pursuing the professions that their parents or a family member currently occupies.

Some students are just the opposite. Bridgette Winslow, an advisor for undecided undergraduate students, serves as one example. "Both of my parents were teachers. From observing the work they did, the stresses they encountered, and the compensation they received, I knew I did not want to be a teacher. I still ended up working in education, but I knew my place was not in the classroom. Instead," she said, "I took what aspects I liked about education and paved my own path."

Matthew Webb, associate director for undergraduate advising in the College of Health and Human Services believes that students are usually influenced by someone they know or "there's some sort of correlation where they've seen someone do that job...someone they know and look up to," not just parents.

Other influences that were commonly noted by BGSU students included friends, teachers and counselors, and previous experiences.

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Choosing a career

Career counselors give advice for finding the perfect fit

By Melissa Kimbler

"You have to do what you want to do, what's going to make you happy, because you're going to be doing it for the rest of your life."

- Matthew Webb

This fall, Bowling Green State University welcomed over 3,300 new freshmen. More than 800 of these students (25 percent) entered without a major or career plan, according to William Knight, director of institutional research at Bowling Green State University.

Within a short span of time, these students will be forced to commit to a major.

Matthew Webb, associate director

College of Health and Human Services, tells students that "You have to do what you want to do, what's going to make you happy, because you're going to be doing it for the rest of your life."

So, how do students make such a decision?

According to Marian Adomakoh, the Assistant Director of Student Services, "The first important thing to look at is 'Who am I?'"

The Career Decision Guide, available in the Career Resource Center, suggests that students learn about themselves "by exploring...interests, skills, and abilities, clarifying values and setting goals," and then evaluate this information by relating it to majors and occupational possibilities.

To aid this process, the Guide

contains personality quizzes that determine individuals' interests, abilities, skills, and values. A listing of professions and majors that relate to your personal results is also provided.

Adomakoh reminds students to consider what kind of working environment they would prefer.

"We all have values, (they) come into play a lot in our lives. Career decision is a life decision, so your values should also play into that."

Once a student has determined what his or her passion is, Adomakoh asks them, "Of all these things that I like to do, which would I want to do for 40 hours a week and get paid for it?"

"Don't remember that you are going to do it for 40 years, but when you look at the near future, is this

something that I would do for 40 hours and get paid for?"

Adomakoh encourages students to read about potential careers and speak with people who have positions in their prospective fields. This gives them the opportunity to "run into things they might not think about."

Once you know these things, the process is much like buying jeans, Adomakoh says.

"You have in your mind the brand you want, the style, the color, everything...and most important, your size."

"The (career) you pick is based on those things you know about you because it's going to fit."

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A letter from the President...

IFC President, Steve Swaggerty, asks a favor

"Remember what I said about finding a meaningful life? I wrote it down, but now I can recite it: Devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

- Morrie Schwartz

An excerpt from "Tuesdays with Morrie"

On Oct. 1, 2000, the Greek men and women of our campus community will be completing Project Building Bridges in the Bowling Green community. This project was designed to help solve two problems: first, intoxicated students damaging private property on the way home from the downtown area; and second, to assist the elderly population with tasks around the house they may need help with.

No, I am not coming to you in order to promote Greek Life. Rather, I am writing to bring awareness to a social issue that has barely begun to show itself to our society and by the time it is in full view, it will be our generation that will be charged with solving it. So, what better time to start then now? The fact is, the elderly population is growing rapidly in our society. The time is now to begin educating our generation as to our responsibilities as the young and the able.

What social responsibility? Why do I owe anything to these people I barely know? I will tell you why. First, today's elderly grew up in poverty beyond our wildest imagination during the Great Depression. We cannot begin to imagine how fortunate we are to have

been raised well enough to be able to attend an outstanding four-year university. Second, they fought and died for our country in World War II. They, most of them younger than we are, were shipped off to foreign lands to fight the fiercest of militant racists ever. If you have not heard, they won. That's why I am writing to you in English and not German or Japanese. Finally, they returned to this country to rebuild our economy, culture and infrastructure. They founded causes such as Little League and Boy Scouts.

What I am saying is that these people fought for and built our nation as we know it. Is it not time to return this favor?

As this generation grows in age, they will need help doing the tasks we do on a daily basis and do not think twice about. Moving furniture, raking leaves, cleaning gutters and grocery shopping are all things we do or will be doing soon that have become a struggle for our elderly. Even more than physical labor, our elderly will need companionship. Have you ever seen the glimmer in an old woman's eye when you and your fraternity brothers play BINGO at the local nursing home?

This is where we fit in. Should we not play our part and offer our assistance? Project Building Bridges is only a start. The "baby boomer" generation, yes our parents, will soon need our assistance as well. This may not seem like a big deal, but this is a significant portion of our population. They have given us all we have; it is time to try and return the favor. Get in touch with your local senior center, local nursing home, or even a neighbor that could use some help or even a friend.

It took Morrie a lifetime to understand life's lesson of giving yourself. Don't wait a lifetime.

Steven A. Swaggerty.

BGSU Campus Fest 2000

On Friday, September 8 the Bowling Green State University campus turned into a picnic and play area from noon until 11 p.m.

The all-campus picnic, called Campus Fest, was formally a Greek tradition.

This year, the Greek community collaborated with UAO, RSA and USG to provide a day of food and fun for the entire University. The day featured a free lunch, live performances, a dunking booth and games.



Rho Chis make Panhellenic recruitment possible

By Melissa Kimbler

For many women, the most memorable thing about recruitment will be the Rho Chis.

A Rho Chi is a recruitment counselor. There are 32 recruitment counselors who work together in teams of two in order to guide the potential new members.

Each team of Rho Chis is randomly assigned a recruitment group of approximately 20 women. The Rho Chis take their recruitment group to all 14 of the University's sororities during first rounds. The counselors stay with the women to answer questions and help them through the process. The Rho Chis will also deliver bids to the women on Bid Day. A bid is an invitation to join a sorority.

"My job is to guide the potential new members and help to them find a place where they belong," says Rho Chi Sarah.

The identity and Greek affiliation of the Rho Chis is kept a secret from the women going through recruitment. To ensure that potential new members don't know what sorority their counselors are from, the Rho Chis are forced to de-affiliate from their chapters in April. From that point on, Rho Chis are forbidden from wearing their letters or talking with their chapters about the sorority.

In the past, Rho Chis were not allowed to live in their houses during recruitment and had to stay in the University Union.

"The hardest part is not slipping," says Rho Chi Sarah.

The Rho Chis have to take the women to visit their own chapters.

Rho Chi Sarah said, "It's funny, trying to keep a straight face."

Rho Chis also spend time with the women outside of recruitment. For example, Rho Chi Sarah and her recruitment group ate dinner together.

"The best part is getting to know these girls and see how excited and nervous they are before each party. It's so rewarding because they ask you questions," she said.

Rho Chis are selected each spring. They must complete an application and an interview process. They have three weeks of training in the spring and three more in the fall before recruitment begins.

"We had retreats and got to know one another," said Rho Chi Sarah. "It's like we're our own sorority."



Many Rho Chis made signs for their women.

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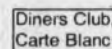
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Panhellenic ABC's

A look at the Panhellenic Council

By Elaine Downard

Tuesday, 9:15 p.m.

Women from every chapter at Bowling Green State University congregate in the Administration Building to decide the fate of the Panhellenic system at this university.

Well, the Panhellenic Council meetings are not quite that dramatic but the Panhellenic Council does serve many important functions.

They are the governing body for BGSU's sororities, making sure that chapters are following the rules, getting opportunities, having their disputes settled and being provided with a sense of

Greek and campus-wide community.

In a sense, the Panhellenic Council equals leadership.

The council tries to guide people and chapters in the right directions, provide motivation, generate new ideas and help to aid the sorority system in constant growth.

For those chapter members who attend a Panhellenic meeting, it provides a bigger picture, more opportunities, contacts and a chance to see first hand what the council does in their meetings.

Often Panhellenic meetings will include speakers on topics

ranging from women's issues, to fundraising, to campus and Greek issues. Panhellenic meetings may also include a discussion of items that are beneficial to one or all of the chapters and the donation of funds to charities.

"The Panhellenic community at Bowling Green State University is held in high regards among other colleges in North West Ohio," stated Nikki Smith, president of the Panhellenic Council.

"(The) diversity between sororities accounts for the strength and effectiveness of the Panhellenic purpose," she said.



*The Panhellenic Council:
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